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SUBJECT: PROTECTION HANDBOOK

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S COMMENTS ON HANDBOOK.  
AT PRESENT TIME WE PLAN OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO ISSUE  
SIMILAR PUBLICATION ON DEATH AND ESTATES AND ON FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE. -

2. EMBASSY'S REQUEST EXEMPTION GENERAL RULE THAT PRISONERS  
BE AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH IS GRANTED FOR  
PRISONERS LOCATED OUTSIDE CENTRAL DISTRICT ON UNDERSTANDING  
THAT IF WARRANTED EITHER BY CIRCUMSTANCES INDIVIDUAL CASE OR  
OVERALL CHANGES IN GENERAL CONDITIONS POST WILL  
INCREASE FREQUENCY. POST, HOWEVER, MAY NOT RPT NOT DECREASE  
FREQUENCY TO LESS THAN ONCE EVERY OTHER MONTH.

3. POST MAY REPORT RESULTS EACH VISIT EITHER BY OM OR  
TELEGRAM, WHICHEVER POST PREFERS. REPORT MAY CONSOLIDATE  
ALL NATIONALS SPECIFYING EACH BY NAME AND GIVING BRIEF  
SUMMARY AS FOLLOWS:

A. DOE, JOHN, IN GOOD HEALTH HAD NO COMPLAINTS OR  
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REQUESTS;

B. SMITH, MARY, APPRECIATES BOOK RECEIVED FROM  
CONOFF ON LAST VISIT. ALTHOUGH OTHERWISE IN GOOD

HEALTH SHE DID REQUEST CONOFF ARRANGE FOR PHYSICIAN HAVE  
A LOOK AT BOTHERSOME HANGNAIL. SPOKE TO WARDEN WHO WILL  
HAVE PRISON DOCTOR EXAMINE. CONOFF WILL FOLLOW-UP ON NEXT  
VISIT.

4. THE DEPARTMENT GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO A NUMBER  
OF FACTORS BEFORE LEVYING THE BURDEN OF REPORTING THE  
RESULTS OF EACH PRISON VISIT ON THE FIELD. AFTER DUE  
DELIBERATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SUCH REPORTING IS  
WARRANTED IN ALL CASES. POST, WHETHER REPORTING VISITS  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OR NOT MUST MAKE ACCURATE AND DETAILED  
REPORTS ON EACH VISIT FOR INCLUSION IN FILE EACH  
INDIVIDUAL DETAINEE. THUS THERE IS LITTLE OR NO EXTRA  
EFFORT IN PROVIDING A SUMMARY OR DETAILED REPORT ON EACH  
CASE AS WARRANTED FOR THE DEPARTMENT. IT IS ANTICIPATED  
THAT THE REPORTS RECEIVED WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT, IN ITS  
RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE OR ON GENERAL  
CONDITIONS WITHIN A GIVEN COUNTRY OR CONSULAR DISTRICT,  
TO DEMONSTRATE IMMEDIATELY TO THE INQUIRER THE SERIOUS  
ATTENTION WE AND THE POSTS ARE TAKING IN DISCHARGING OUR  
RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS AMCITS INCARCERATED ABROAD. IT  
CREATES A DISTINCTLY POSITIVE IMPRESSION IF THE DEPARTMENT  
CAN RESPOND, EVEN IN AN INTERIM REPLY TO AN INQUIRY ON A  
CASE, WITH A STATEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT JOHN DOE WAS LAST  
SEEN BY A CONSULAR OFFICER A WEEK AND A HALF AGO AND AT  
THAT TIME WAS IN GOOD HEALTH, REASONABLE SPIRITS AND HAD NO  
COMPLAINTS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHERE THE AMCIT  
PRISONER INDICATED A PROBLEM AND WE CAN SHOW THAT NOT ONLY  
IS POST AND DEPARTMENT AWARE OF IT BUT THAT APPROPRIATE  
ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE POST LONG BEFORE AN INQUIRY  
HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM A CONGRESSIONAL OR FAMILY SOURCE.

5. PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ABILITY TO CREATE  
A POSITIVE IMAGE TO OUTSIDE INQUIRERS IS THE PICTURE  
THAT PRISON VISIT REPORTS GIVE OF CONDITIONS ETC., TO ALL  
THOSE IN THE DEPARTMENT WORKING ON PROTECTION MATTERS WHO  
OTHERWISE MAY HAVE NO REAL FEELING FOR EVENTS AND PROBLEMS  
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IN A SPECIFIC COUNTRY OR DISTRICT. THUS, OUR DECISION TO  
REQUIRE SUCH REPORTS ON EACH VISIT. ROBINSON

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